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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

HYDER ALI

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 6-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/17/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Beginning with claim 12, the claims have been consecutively renumbered 8-20, with dependencies changed accordingly, as required by 37 CFR 1.126. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Inventorship

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires claims must be numbered consecutively. Applicants should cancel claims 8-11 and 13-16.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 13, line 12, "closing of the other of said valves" should read "opening of

the other of said valves”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7,8 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nolting et al (US 5,036,803) in view of Corriveau (US 6,178,928).

Nolting et al discloses everything except the control valve 21 is not located in the by-pass conduit. Corriveau discloses the control valve 32 is not located in the by-pass conduit. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify Nolting et al by employing the location of the control valve 32 in order to unblocked the cooling medium flow through the heating heat exchanger.

Claims 1,2,6 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nolting et al (US 5,036,803) in view of Corriveau (US 6,178,928) and Hayashi (US 4,554,891).

Nolting et al discloses everything except the control valve 21 is not located in the by-pass conduit; reversing a feeding direction of the electrically operated pump; and a fourth cooling medium path through an oil heat exchanger. Corriveau discloses the control valve 32 is not located in the by-pass conduit and a fourth cooling medium path 37. Hayashi discloses the control circuit 46 reverses the operation of the pump 36 in the event that the temperature in the cylinder head 14 is below a given value indicating a

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cold engine. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify Nolting et al by employing the location of the control valve 32; a fourth cooling medium path and reversible pump in order to unblocked the cooling medium flow through the heating heat exchanger and to accelerating the heating of the internal combustion engine by reversing the feeding direction of the electrically operated pump.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The reference by Creeron et al (US 5,809,945) discloses a reverse-flow cooling system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HYDER ALI whose telephone number is (703) 308-3949. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HENRY YUEN can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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